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The Honorable Rick Perry
Governor of Texas
P.O. Box 12428
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Dear Governor Perry:

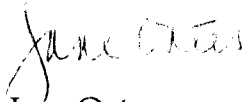
This letter provides approval of the modification to Texas' State Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and the Wagner-Peyser Act for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) received the State's proposed modification on June 29, 2009.

Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 14-08, issued on March 18, 2009, provides guidance on utilizing funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to meet the growing demand for workforce development services, and required states to submit a modification of their State Plan by June 30, 2009. We appreciate Texas' responsiveness to this guidance. This letter addresses the State Plan modification. The State's waiver requests will be addressed in a separate letter.

ETA has reviewed the Texas State Plan modification in accordance with Title I of WIA, the Wagner-Peyser Act, the corresponding regulations, the WIA/Wagner-Peyser Act Planning Guidance (73 Fed. Reg. 72853, December 1, 2008), and Attachment A of TEGL No. 14-08. Pursuant to 20 CFR 661.230(e), this letter constitutes a written determination under WIA Section 112 (29 USC 2822) that ETA is approving the modification to Texas' State Plan for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. The content of the Plan, including the policies and strategies and the approved performance goals, is in effect for the full period of Program Year (PY) 2009, July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, including the transition period of July 1, 2009 to the date of this letter, when the State operated through an extension of the State Plan for PY 2005 - 2008. The previous approval of the extension is hereby terminated.

Again, we appreciate your timely response to TEGL No. 14-08 and your efforts to address the challenges facing the State. We look forward to working together as you implement your modified State Plan. If you have any questions related to the issues discussed above, please contact Joseph Juarez, the Regional Administrator for Region IV, at 972-850-4601 or Juarez.Joseph@dol.gov.

Sincerely,



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